

**ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
October 21, 2024
11:00 – 12:08 PM**

Chair: Kathaleen Reid-Martinez

Voting members in attendance: Chris Brown, Daniel Bunn, Dave Crowell, Curtis Ellis, Randy Feller, Angela Foster, Jay Gary, Janet George, Mark Hall, Julie Huntley, Jamie Kitchens, Dean Prentice, Kenneth Weed, Wendy Wells-O'Rear, Amanda Wilson, Jan Woerner

Voting members not in attendance: Bill Buker, Dave Crowell, Adrian Hinkle, Jared Johnston

Nonvoting members and supporting guests: Andrew Lang, Connie Sjoberg, Christine Welden, Daniel Eller

1. **TOPIC:** Opening – Dr. Reid-Martinez opened with prayer.

2. **TOPIC:** Approval of September 23, 2024, meeting Minutes.

DISCUSSION: Members received copies of the Minutes via email. Dr. Wilson moved and Dr. Ellis seconded the motion to accept the Minutes. The Minutes were unanimously accepted by the Academic Council.

ACTION: None.

CLOSED

3. **TOPIC:** Update from the General Education Curriculum Committee – Dr. Andrew Lang

DISCUSSION:

- a. GEN 111 – College Success Strategies (1 credit hour) will replace LEAD 999. The course is designed for college students who need added support. The General Education Curriculum Committee approved this course unanimously. Dr. Weed moved and Dr. Ellis seconded. **Vote – Yay: 16, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0**
- b. GEN 480 – Israel: The People and the Land. Currently, GEN 380 is offered as a single-instructor course. Dr. Lang proposed changing it to GEN 480 to make it a dual-instructor course. If approved, the online version of GEN 480 would remain single-instructor. For HLC compliance, the course outcomes for online and residential versions must be aligned. The syllabi for both versions should clearly demonstrate that the course outcomes are equivalent, whether taught by one professor online or by two professors on campus. The Provost recommended that this vote be tabled for the next Academic Council meeting in November after further discussion in the Colleges.
- c. ARA/FRE/CHI/SPA 219 – Travel Study (for Arabic, French, Chinese, and Spanish) – This course may substitute for ARA/FRE/CHI/SPA 102 in the BA degree or ARA/FRE/CHI/SPA 101 in non-BA degrees. It can also count as an upper-level elective in Spanish, French, Chinese, or Arabic. (The course no longer requires

ARA/FRE/CHI/SPA 102 or demonstrated proficiency as a prerequisite). Dr. Ellis moved, Dr. George seconded. **Vote: Y: 16, N: 0, Abstain: 0**

- d. DIS 303 – Information and the Digital Age. It was proposed to change the Scaffolded Interdisciplinary Course (SIC) structure – with required courses as COMP 303, DIS 303, GEN 3XX, and GEN 4XX. Mr. Eller (Library) outlined the goals of this course, which provides a platform for faculty to engage students in emerging technologies, their ethical use, and their societal impact. The course centers on information science rather than library science, aiming to address a key learning gap: information literacy. This course is designed to help bridge that gap for students. The Provost recommended that this vote be tabled for the next Academic Council meeting in November after further discussion with the Deans and within the Colleges.

ACTION: The Registrar's Office will create a corrected Addendum added to the CCP for GEN 111. Regarding DIS 303, Dr. Reid-Martinez will meet with College Deans to discuss faculty load and ensure logistical feasibility and consult with Dr. Gary to evaluate the feasibility and potential challenges of implementing this online. College Deans will work with the Academic Council representatives on how to discuss this at the next meeting.

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The Academic Council meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Nelson, Ph.D., Academic Council Secretary